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Preliminary Amendment

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

Prior to commencing the Examination of the present application, Applicant respectfully requests entry and consideration of the following Preliminary Amendment comprising Introductory Comments, Amendments to the Specification, and Remarks.

Preliminary Amendment

Introductory Comments

This Reply has been formatted in attempted compliance with the revised provisions of 37 CFR 1.121. There are no requested Amendments to the Claims.

No fee is believed to be due in order for the timely consideration of this Reply. If, however, the Commissioner determines that such a fee is required, then the Commissioner is authorized to charge any (Large Entity) fee required for consideration of this submission to Deposit Account 50-0548.